

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

A substitute application is herewith filed.

Claims 1-11 are currently being amended.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-11 (11 claims) are now pending in this application.

The present application is a national phase application in the United States of International Application No. PCT/EP2003/011533, filed October 17, 2003 and claims priority back to German Application DE/10249100.3, filed October 21, 2002.

Applicants have provided a substitute specification which is attached herein and incorporated herein by this reference which added paragraph numbers and heading titles, as appropriate to conform with the USPTO practice. Applicants also submit that the specification is amended to include a cross reference to the related applications of the PCT and German applications cited above. Applicants state that no new matter has been added to the substitute specification.

Applicants have amended claims 1-11 to correct style, terminology and comply with multiple dependent claim requirements. Support for the substantive amendments to the claims are in the specification and drawings as originally filed.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.


The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

Respectfully submitted,

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